

reasonable to expect them to continue to be able to deal and deal with that indigent population without, again, increasing the state's exposure. So I would urge you to think very carefully about these choices. My choice, obviously, is that in LB 525 which injects money into the system sooner and generated a lot more federal money. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. Speaker, members, I'd like to ask Senator Lynch a question, please.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lynch, would you respond.

SENATOR LYNCH: Certainly try, yes, sir.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Just a quick question. I didn't catch, how much money are you taking from General Funds to accomplish what you're trying to do in this amendment?

SENATOR LYNCH: \$7.2 million in 1990 and '91.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: So it's 7.2. Thank you.

SENATOR LYNCH: Plus whatever the administration cost is for the administration of that money.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay, thank you. I just wanted to call to attention, if you go back to LB 525 once again, the 2.1 million one year, 3.2 million another year for the...to Social Services for noninstitutional medical providers, another 2.6 from the General Fund, 4.0 million dollars for rate increase for hospitals, 2.256 for counties first year, 4.3 for counties the second year, this is on top, and then we'll add to this the 7.2 million. So there is a lot of money going through these two bills for similar or potentially similar programs, or they could be used for these programs. It's just another way that we are running up the budget a few million at a time, and I'd just like to call your attention to that. LB 525 is already going along. This is going to add to our General Fund quite an additional amount.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lynch, please.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. President and members, I'll try my best to